

SUFFOLK COUNTY BOARD OF ETHICS

Minutes of Meeting Held on
September 2, 2015
In the Office of the Board of Ethics
Sunrise Business Center, 3500 Sunrise Highway, Room 364
Great River, New York 11739

Meeting: *Board Members present:* Linda Spahr, Richard Halverson and Dennis O'Doherty. *Staff present:* Samantha Segal, Executive Director and Darlene Kurrass, Board Secretary, taking minutes.

Ascertainment of Quorum: The meeting was called to order at 9:35 a.m. by Chair, Linda Spahr. A roll call was conducted and a quorum was present.

Adoption of Agenda: A motion was made by Richard Halverson, seconded by Linda Spahr, to adopt the agenda. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Adoption of Minutes: A motion was made by Dennis O' Doherty, seconded by Richard Halverson to adopt the minutes of the August 19, 2015 meeting, as amended. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

Public Session: Linda Spahr opened Public Session. No members of the public were present and no written testimony was submitted. Linda Spahr closed Public Session.

Chair Report: Linda Spahr, Chair, reported and/or discussed the following:

- Legislative I.R. 1649-2015, a resolution to reappoint member to the Suffolk County Board of Ethics (Linda A. Spahr), is on the Ways & Means Committee Agenda for vote tomorrow, September 3, 2015;
 - Chair Spahr and Executive Director Segal will attend;
- Current vacancies and Board notification sent to the Legislature;
- Letter from Counsel to all appointing authorities: impacts of vacancies on the Board's function;
- Letter of Distinction to Heather Palmore, Esq.;
- Proclamation 001-2015 Presentation Picture: Published as Community Photo on Southampton Press website.

Executive Director Report: Samantha Segal, Executive Director, reported and/or discussed the following:

- 2015 Financial Disclosure Statement Review Update:
 - In accordance with the form's Instructions, the Board directed staff to require that all questions be answered and boxes be checked, including the unemancipated child(ren) box on the cover page, indicating "none," if a filer does not have any unemancipated children;
 - Positions: all responsive forms will be presented to the Board for review;
 - Privacy Requests.

Executive Session: At 10:30 a.m. a motion was made by Dennis O' Doherty, seconded by Linda Spahr to go into Executive Session for the purpose of discussing confidential matters pertaining to one Ethics Violation Complaint and four Advisory Opinions in accordance with the Suffolk County Administrative Code §A30-8 and the New York State Open Meetings Law. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

During Executive Session the Board voted on AO-2015-11 (3-0-0), voted on standing of: AO-2015-12 (3-0-0), AO-2015-13 (3-0-0), and AO-2015-14 (3-0-0), and received update on C-004-2015 and directed staff to conduct a further fact-finding pursuant to Board procedures.

At 11:10 a.m. a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Dennis O'Doherty to close Executive Session. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0).

New Business: None.

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The next meeting of the Board will be held September 16, 2015 at 9:30 a.m.

There being no further business, a motion was made by Linda Spahr, seconded by Richard Halverson to adjourn the meeting. Upon a vote being taken, motion was approved (3-0-0) (11:10 a.m.).